

Commonwealth has taught me differently. I discovered that there were a great number of these people who had worked all their lives, been good taxpaying citizens, raised their families, fought for their country, had been our all around good citizens but they had never registered to vote. Now I am defending the fact that they didn't register to vote but I discovered that these were very competent people, because of one reason or another they had never been political active, they thought that the system might take care of them, they discovered otherwise, and I assure you that a lot of them have registered to vote now and they are watching everything that the Legislature does, and I am sure you are aware of this. My point is that these people are very competent people, for the most part. They are very interested in what goes on around them. I would not hesitate for one moment to have most of them sit in judgment in behalf of myself one way or the other. So I would urge the override of the Governor's veto on this particular legislation. I think it is a good social policy to incorporate the basic fundamental premise of adding more people to the process and not eliminating people from jury duty. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck is next but may I introduce a guest first of Senator Schmit in the north balcony and she is Kathy Riedmann of Omaha. Would you please stand, Ms. Riedmann. Thank you. Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I also want to sustain the Governor's veto. I feel it was proper and right. Many of you have said that a lot of people don't register to vote because they don't want to serve on jury duty. I just doubt whether there are very, very few people that are doing this. Yes, there are some. But I would lot rather have an individual who thinks enough about his country to vote to serve on the jury and to be a juror on my case than one who cares less and many of these people who are driving today care less. And I also want to tell you that it is going to be very expensive to the county governments. In my particular county, we have a computer and it is on...it is put on a wheel, all of the people who are registered voters are put on this wheel, and when he is called to pick out names, he spins the wheel so that someone from every section of the county is selected to serve on jury duty. Now how in the world is he going to put all of these names...yes, he can do it but it is going to cost him